Recent Events

**Future of Diplomacy discussed at Munich Security Conference (MSC), February 14-16, Munich (Germany)**

During a 16 February townhall session on the future of diplomacy, CTBTO Executive Secretary Lassina Zerbo heralded the importance of science diplomacy. He argued that science is a sphere where one easily finds a common denominator -- it cuts across boundaries. The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) is a prime example of great scientific cooperation to monitor against nuclear testing, said Dr. Zerbo.

**Strengthening the NPT regime: priorities for the 2020 NPT RevCon, March 4-5, Accra (Ghana)**

Dr. Zerbo attended a conference in Accra that brought together senior officials, practitioners and technical experts from governments, regional organizations and think tanks to discuss the state of play in advance of the 2020 NPT RevCon from an African perspective.
Intergenerational dialogue: building a new generation of Africa nuclear experts, March 5, (Ghana)

CYGs discussed how the African Youth can be involved in the Nuclear Avenue and serve as the driving force behind this area. The CYGs stressed the importance of coupling both science and policy and having university programs that give an insight of the two. They made a recommendation of having an African Delegation to the NPT RevCon and also being included in the African Union body that deals with nuclear matters (AFCONE).

Presentation Contest at MEPhI University, March 12, Moscow (Russia)

On March 12, MEPhI hosted the Presentation Contest “My vision of the CTBT 2026” which brought together students from different profiles to show the passion for what the CTBT is doing. The participants from Russia, India, Kenya, Togo and Sri Lanka shared their cross-domain initiatives and ideas on how to strengthen the role of the CYG and elevate the visibility of the Treaty.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

✦ Call for projects deadline, May 12, Paris (France). Do you have a project offering a concrete solution to tackle a global challenge? Come to the third edition of the Paris Peace Forum, from 11 to 13 November 2020 at la Grande Halle de La Villette in Paris, to present it.

✦ Call for papers deadline, July 1, Vienna (Austria). Are you under 35 years old and interested in military security in Europe? Do you want to win up to EUR 3,000 and present your work to diplomats in Vienna? An essay competition has been launched to encourage innovative thinking and help create a new generation of professionals studying challenges and opportunities related to conventional arms control and confidence-building measures.

Articles on CTBT-related topics

✦ Do young people care about nuclear weapons? INKSTICK

✦ Europe still needs INSTEX to help solve the Iran crisis, by Esfandyar Batmanghelidj and CYG member Sahil Shah, The ELN

✦ NPT Review Conference Postponed, by Daryl G. Kimball, Arms Control Association

✦ North Korea Tests First Missiles of 2020, by Julia Masterson, Arms Control Association